

THE PROCESSION OR SOLEMN ENTRANCE

**ANTIPHON** during procession

*Hosanna to the Son of David;  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
the King of Israel.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

**ANTIPHON**

*As the Lord entered the holy city, the children of the  
Hebrews proclaimed the resurrection of life. Waving  
their branches of palm, they cried: Hosanna in the Highest.*

*When the people heard that Jesus was coming to  
Jerusalem, they went out to meet him. Waving their  
branches of palm, they cried: Hosanna in the Highest.*

THE SIMPLE ENTRANCE

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*Six days before the Passover,  
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,  
the children ran to meet him;  
in their hands they carried palm branches  
and with a loud voice cried out:  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!  
O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory!  
Who is this king of glory?  
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!*

**COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who as an example of humility for the human race to follow  
caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross,  
graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient  
suffering  
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.  
The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.  
Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who are taught.  
The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backwards.  
I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.  
But the Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.  
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 22(21):8-9. 17-18a. 19-20. 23-24. R. 2a  
**R: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

1. All who see me deride me;  
they curl their lips, they toss their heads:  
'He trusted in the LORD, let him save him;  
let him release him, for in him he delights.' **R.**
2. For dogs have surrounded me;  
a band of the wicked besets me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet;  
I can count every one of my bones. **R.**
3. They divide my clothing among them,  
they cast lots for my robe.  
But you, O LORD, do not stay afar off;  
my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**
4. I will tell of your name to my kin,  
and praise you in the midst of the assembly;  
'You who fear the LORD, give him praise;  
all descendants of Jacob, give him glory;  
revere him, all you descendants of Israel.' **R**

**SECOND READING** Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.  
Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,  
but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,  
being born in the likeness of men.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL** Philippians 2:8-9

**R: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**  
Christ became for us obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.  
**R: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

**GOSPEL** Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord,  
may our reconciliation with you be near at hand,  
so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds,  
yet by this sacrifice made once for all,  
we may feel already the effects of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,  
your will be done.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Nourished with these sacred gifts,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,  
that, just as through the death of your Son  
you have brought us to hope for what we believe,  
so by his Resurrection  
you may lead us to where you call.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**